

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**June 2016**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF ROBERT JUDGE WOERHEIDE, CASE # HR 16-027**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

☐Consent
Item☒Action
Item☐Report
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 authorizes the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, which includes the authority to resolve issues by consent agreement or agreed settlement or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license. 5 CSR 20-400.230 provides that the State Board of Education may accept a voluntary surrender or informally settle a case through a consent agreement or agreed settlement.

Robert Judge Woerheide holds an initial professional certificate of license to teach in the area of English, grades 9–12 and a substitute certificate of license to teach that expired on February 15, 2015.

On March 30, 2016, a judgment was entered against Mr. Woerheide in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri finding him guilty of the Felony, Sexual Contact with a Student. As part of the disposition of the criminal charges, Mr. Woerheide agreed to surrender his certificates of license to teach. Mr. Woerheide signed statements of surrender waiving all procedural rights regarding revocation of his certificates of license to teach.

PRESENTER:

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education accept Mr. Woerheide's statements of surrender and revoke his teaching certificates in disposition of his criminal conviction.